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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1943, 1944, and 1945 <sup>1</sup>

	Bever- ages /2	Margar- ine and butter /3	Vege- tables /4	Meats /5	Butter /5	Cheese /5	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk /6	Canned food stuffs /6	Total	Esti- mated refrig- erator- car loadings
Estimated cars, January 1945	17,685	422	77,513	29,002	1,733	1,846	2,489	1,835	4,935	30,320	169,780	155,922
Number cars shipped January 1944	16,391	415	77,029	28,572	1,832	1,637	2,663	1,932	3,944	31,675	172,090	164,810
Percent change, Jan. 1945 over 1944	7.9	1.7	3.2	-16.1	-5.4	12.8	-6.5	-5.0	25.1	-4.3	-1.3	-5.4
Estimated cars, February 1945	18,107	511	73,988	24,369	1,644	1,567	2,374	1,282	4,946	30,656	159,444	144,287
Number cars shipped February 1944	16,720	549	75,035	24,308	1,885	1,310	2,652	1,350	4,211	32,417	170,437	153,650
Percent change, Feb. 1945 over 1944	8.3	-6.9	-1.4	-29.0	-12.8	19.6	-10.5	-5.0	17.5	-5.4	-5.4	-5.1
Estimated cars, March 1945	19,832	610	82,439	27,109	1,989	1,729	2,902	964	5,841	31,846	175,261	153,623
Number cars shipped March 1944	18,392	530	85,885	26,244	2,083	1,518	2,393	1,015	5,310	33,261	187,831	166,122
Percent change, Mar. 1945 over 1944	4.4	15.1	-4.0	-25.2	-4.5	13.9	-3.0	-5.0	10.0	-4.3	-6.7	-7.5
Estimated cars, April 1945	18,000	542	74,174	23,723	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,830	27,804	159,819	144,014
Number cars shipped April 1944	17,504	445	70,340	20,936	2,252	1,640	3,651	1,114	6,309	29,311	167,442	146,446
Percent change, Apr. 1945 over 1944	3.2	22.3	-0.3	-23.3	-6.3	-7.1	6.7	-4.7	10.0	-4.1	-4.6	-4.2
Estimated cars, May 1945	21,649	297	80,228	27,920	2,426	1,144	2,242	1,525	8,819	29,661	175,337	144,770
Number cars shipped May 1944	20,164	333	77,721	25,580	2,754	2,022	2,032	1,424	8,017	30,440	181,894	140,037
Percent change, May 1945 over 1944	7.4	-10.8	0.3	-16.7	-11.7	-4.3	11.4	6.9	10.0	-3.0	-2.2	4.4
Estimated cars, June 1945	20,980	322	82,590	26,864	3,137	2,316	2,564	1,097	8,240	29,124	181,727	
Number cars shipped June 1944	19,541	257	78,226	22,445	3,190	2,154	2,000	1,000	8,127	30,184	171,309	149,953
Percent change, June 1945 over 1944	7.4	25.3	5.6	-15.4	-1.7	7.2	26.2	9.7	10.0	-3.5	6.2	
Estimated cars, July 1945	21,176	486	81,306	32,803	2,312	2,430	2,023	2,147	7,730	29,207	185,240	
Number cars shipped July 1944	20,180	366	69,407	24,240	3,075	2,281	2,037	2,063	7,038	28,497	172,884	148,830
Percent change, July 1945 over 1944	2.0	32.8	17.1	-4.5	-5.3	6.5	-0.3	4.1	9.8	2.5	7.1	
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	490	75,870	31,757	2,635	2,540	4,718	2,423	6,541	35,297	184,253	
Number cars shipped August 1944	21,551	418	70,900	24,637	2,706	2,371	4,731	2,279	6,091	35,126	175,328	151,098
Percent change, Aug. 1945 over 1944	2.0	17.2	7.0	-8.0	-2.6	7.1	-0.3	6.3	7.4	0.5	5.1	
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,009	366	91,520	25,922	2,021	2,565	3,933	2,157	5,824	35,940	191,257	
Number cars shipped September 1944	20,597	420	89,108	30,239	2,130	2,382	3,947	2,463	5,374	35,046	178,645	157,989
Percent change, Sept. 1945 over 1944	2.0	-12.9	2.7	-14.3	-5.1	7.7	-0.4	-12.4	8.4	-0.3	7.1	
Number cars shipped October 1944	22,185	626	91,126	30,343	1,840	2,355	3,539	3,320	4,790	38,206	198,430	153,024
Number cars shipped October 1943	16,999	470	75,447	30,072	2,017	1,627	3,175	2,532	3,783	31,442	167,564	144,384
Percent change, Oct. 1944 over 1943	30.5	31.2	20.8	0.9	-8.8	44.7	14.6	31.1	26.6	21.5	18.4	6.7
Number cars shipped November 1944	21,101	444	70,813	30,467	1,873	1,928	3,211	4,768	4,206	37,512	176,793	138,839
Number cars shipped November 1943	17,334	405	76,051	33,404	1,820	1,500	2,741	4,141	3,174	32,381	175,117	140,085
Percent change, Nov. 1944 over 1943	21.3	10.9	-6.9	-10.0	2.7	28.0	17.1	15.1	32.5	15.9	1.4	-8.7
Estimated cars, December 1944	19,491	650	77,446	31,584	1,639	2,126	2,933	4,467	4,569	36,203	177,380	144,400
Number cars shipped December	16,618	501	72,108	25,310	1,811	1,530	2,540	3,666	3,424	32,002	170,770	141,160
Percent change, Dec. 1944 over 1943	17.3	29.7	6.7	-11.2	-0.5	39.0	14.3	-6.4	33.4	10.0	5.2	12.3

<sup>1</sup> For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

<sup>2</sup> ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for 1943, and like figures are substituted for former estimates in the first 11 months of 1944.

<sup>3</sup> ICC Statement No. M-500, carloads originated are used in 1943, and are substituted for previous estimates in the first 11 months of 1944.

<sup>4</sup> Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Office of Marketing Services, June, July, August and September 1945 are estimates.

<sup>5</sup> In 1943 and the first 11 months of 1944 this figure is the sum of ICC classifications 210, 220, and 222, carloads originated, less canned meats. December of 1944 and the first 9 months of 1945 are estimates on the same basis.

<sup>6</sup> In 1943 and the first 11 months of 1944 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk; December of 1944 and January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September 1945 are estimates of the same movement.

